Facing Forced COVID Shots, Students Are Withdrawing From College - Big League Politics

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Draconian vaccination mandates for the COVID-19 shot are becoming more prominent throughout American society as the days go on, with numerous corporations, government employers, and institutions of education joining in on the fun. Some college students have finally said that enough is enough, deciding the forced experimental shot is not a price they are willing to pay for graduation.

Justin Mishler, a 29-year-old U.S. Marine Corps veteran and junior at Northern Illinois University, is one of them, CNBC reported. After finishing his military service, Mishler enrolled in the state school in 2016 through the help of the GI Bill, a military allowance granted to veterans to help them pursue an education.

As a consequence of COVID-19 related mandates that prevented him from attending school in person, Mishler elected to work rather than attend school remotely during the pandemic.

The Marine Corps veteran planned a return to school in August for in-person instruction, only to later find out that all NIU students are now required to submit proof of vaccination or request an exemption and get tested weekly. The school also forces mask-wearing indoors.

"I was excited but when I saw you had to be vaccinated, I decided to keep working instead," he said.

"I'm not going to abide by stuff I don't believe in."

Mishler is also a member of Young Americans for Liberty (YAL), a freedom and liberty advocating group active on nearly 400 college and university campuses.

The former history student is for now driving a forklift at a nearby 3M facility in DeKalb, Illinois.

"I would like to be able to finish [my degree] and work in a military museum," the history major said. "But if it never goes back to normal, I'm just going to do something else."

Dylan Dean, a 22-year-old former student and a state chair of YAL, preemptively unenrolled from Montana State University — even before the school finalized a Covid policy. "I was worried there would be mandates," he said.

The student also pointed out the blatant disregard for science that has permeated across various American institutions as of late, particularly the idea that people who have had the virus must still get a shot. "I think vaccine mandates fail to take into account natural immunity," Dean said.

Dean also said his parents supported the move to withdraw from the fall semester. "They don't agree with me politically, but they know this is my decision."

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